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"We must educate, we must educate."—Beecher.

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The accompanying cut shows the two athletic fields, that of the gentlemen and that of the ladies.

The latter is at the south-east end of the campus, near the ladies' dormitory. It contains several excellent tennis courts, and is convenient for practice.

The gentlemen's field lies north of Broad street, and is about a square from the gentlemen's dormitories. It contains three acres and is surrounded by a tight board fence eight feet high. The soil is a sandy loam and very porous. The field lies almost entirely level and has excellent drainage. It is admitted to be the best athletic field in this part of the state.

Friends and patrons of the College have reason to rejoice that the physical side of the training of their sons and daughters has been so carefully looked after and provided for by the Trustees.

There was a time when an educated man was expected

to be a physical wreck; and it was often true that he was. Educational institutions made no provision for anything but study. It seemed to be thought that a person could study all the time. An effort to do so usually resulted in a breakdown of the physical health, which rendered the education practically useless after all.

If an education has to be acquired at the expense of physical health it had better not be acquired at all. Better an untutored mind in a strong, sound body than a well-trained mind in a body racked with pain and disease. But we no longer have to choose between these alternatives. Both can be acquired at the same time, and the right kind of educational facilities provides for both simultaneously.

The new gymnasium, now in process of erection, will help greatly in maintaining the physical health and strength of the student body.

Some Thoughts on Education.

An education has been variously defined depending upon the point of view from which the definition was made. That any one of these definitions is better than the other depends largely on the standard. One of these definitions that claims merit is, that it is an influence consciously exerted by one mind upon another. Education may be said to spring from within outward. Knowledge is an expression of the nature of the mind. Teaching or training may be regarded as coming from without in. Only man is capable of being educated. We train, not educate animals. Education has reference to an end, a conscious end, an ideal end, one purposely wrought out and worthy to be achieved. As there seems to be at least one exception to every rule, this question of an education being an end has its exception in this, that a person may become so critical that he will refuse to act. He would become too abstract in his methods and purposes to accomplish anything.

A person may acquire an education for itself much as a miser acquires money for itself. But there is this difference, the money may be found and used after the miser is dead, but the knowledge gained by an intellectual miser can never be used after he is dead. It is a total loss to the world unless it found its way into concrete form like a building or a statue, or an institution, or into the lives of others in which case it ceases to be a mere end and becomes a means to a nobler end.

Too many are apt to think an education consists in a free use of a large vocabulary. This is erroneous for one may study words and polished forms of expression from merely a mechanical point of view and thus acquire an artificiality that may appear pleasing to the uneducated, but to the educated such would appear to be the product of sham and hypocrisy. An education consists not in words and polish sentences, but rather in ideas. These ideas come not from an artificial training or forced memorizing, but from conscious thinking guided by an appropriate motive.

It should be remembered that only man can be educated. Animals are only trained, not educated. It is a misnomer to speak of an educated dog or horse. They may exhibit admirable traits of action which result from imitation, or the animal may be stimulated to the performance of certain actions by a free use of the whip accompanied by frequent repetitions until it has acquired a mechanical mode of action. An animal can make no mistakes, he may not do what it is wanted him to do yet it is not a mistake because he does not act from a self conscious, free will. There is no motive nor moral worth to be regarded as the cause or the result of action. An animal has no

moral ideas, he never even rises above his predecessors in architecture. The beaver builds his dam no different from his ancestors thousands of years ago, nor the bee its honey-comb different from the days the wise man wrote of its industrious habits.

But within this same period of time man has risen from a state of barbarism and savagery and even cannibalism to the present exalted position. He has converted the open sandal or course moccasin into the modern shoe, the birch-bark canoe into the modern steamship; and his hovel of thatched straw or skins into a marble palace of magnificent frescoes or into the fireproof steel and concrete structure thirty and more stories high.

A few centuries ago this continent was a wilderness inhabited by savage Indians and wild beasts. But with our conquest went the church, the court house and the school. Vast tracts of land were set aside for establishing and maintaining schools for higher education. Colleges were founded in the first colonies. This is distinctly American. Today there are hundreds of schools and colleges where the higher or more difficult subjects are studied and taught. The American youth can pride himself on his easy access to college and the cheapness of acquiring an education and possibility for the poorest to become the best educated.



The Library.

The College library has recently received several substantial additions, by donation and purchase. Late in last session a copy of the Century Dictionary was secured by the management. The set comprises ten large quarto volumes. This is conceded to be the greatest and most complete lexicon ever published. The set sells for ninety dollars, and is an invaluable adjunct to any library.

Since the opening of the present session President Yount has sent a donation of 172 volumes. This consists largely of English and German texts, history and literature. There is also a set of Chambers' Cyclopedia of Universal Knowledge and other books of reference.

What to do with the books as they come in is again getting to be a problem. When the library was moved into its present quarters, four years ago, it seemed that it would here have abundance of room for many years to come. But today all available shelf space is filled, and there are hundreds of volumes unshelved for want of room.

A separate home for the library is coming to be one of the pressing needs of the College. Probably no other one thing serves as a better index to the standard of an institution of learning than its library. Bridgewater needs to be in the front rank, here as elsewhere. We trust the time is not far distant when a good commodious library building will be added to the equipment to the College.

Hallowe'en.

On Hallowe'en one of the most enjoyable social functions of the current session so far was held in the parlor of Ladies' Hall. Early in the evening the large room was filled with students and members of the faculty. All students boarding in the college had been invited and all came bringing with them a goodly store of good humor. The parlor was tastily decorated in a manner as suggestive of the spirit of the occasion as possible. Two booths were located in opposite corners of the room in which were two young ladies in the garb of gypsy fortune tellers. They were kept busy during the early part of the evening telling the various fortunes that awaited those present sometime in the distant future. Misses Emswiler and Click each favored the company with a delightful vocal solo. Messrs. Fletcher and Roller rendered a violin duet. Later light refreshments were served.

The closing feature of the program was the giving of selections from Macbeth by twelve ladies and gentlemen. All were made to feel that it was Hallowe'en for both the ghosts and the witches were there. The witch scene by four young ladies in the garb of witches was especially interesting and suggestive. The banquet scene with the presence at the banquet table of the ghost of Banquo was very exciting. All together it would have been difficult to have selected a program that would have been more appreciated or more in keeping with the spirit of Hallowe'en. All present unite in expressing their thanks to those who furnished so delightful an evening of entertainment and pleasure. We are sorry that such Hallowe'ens cannot come oftener.



Ins Stille Land.

Within the last few weeks death has claimed two influential men of the community, whose departure comes to us as a personal grief. They were Elder John P. Zigler and Elder David B. Wampler. Both were well-known ministers of the German Baptist Church. Both gave a good portion of their time to the service of the church they loved. Both had served her in positions of responsibility and trust, and the former had repeatedly sat in her highest counsels in the annual conference.

Both have at some time, been officially connected with the College. Elder Zigler served for a number of years on the Board of Visitors, and in those days was about the College frequently. His two sons were educated here, both of whom are now ministers in the Brethren Church. Elder Zigler's feeling toward the College is shown by the fact that only a few weeks before his death he signified his purpose to make a handsome donation to the College endowment fund.

Elder Wampler served on the Board of Trustees for a number of years in the early 90's. He was a practical educator and was always greatly interested in the work of the College. Several of his children were educated here. He was once before the people of the county as a candidate for county treasurer. He was a man of aggressive temperament and had many friends.

Both men will be greatly missed from their neighborhoods. COLLEGE LIFE extends sympathy to the bereaved families.



The Bible Institute for January.

We look forward again with interest to the special Bible Institute to be held in January. It will begin on Monday, January 13th and run two weeks.

These Institutes have become such an integral part of each session that we would not know how to do without them any more. We appreciate having our friends here, and we are sure they appreciate the work that has been given them from time to time. We are told each year that the institute is better than those were that preceded it. We hope to make the one of this session keep rank with the rest.

Not all of the preparations have yet been completed for it, but there will be four or five lines of regular work, besides a number of lectures, conferences, &c. Illustrated lectures by President W. B. Yonnt and Eld. D. H. Zigler on their recent travels will have a place in the program. The faculty of the Bible Department of the College will have the work in charge, and will be assisted by others as occasion may require.

It does not seem that the College will be able to provide room or board for any who may attend this year, because of the crowded condition of the dormitories and dining-room. Nearly all available room is now taken up, and after the opening of the winter term in November, it is certain that our resources will be taxed to their limit. We trust this will not interfere with anyone's attendance but hope all may be provided for elsewhere. If we had room we would cheerfully place it at the disposal of those who come.

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The winter term begins November 29.

Mrs. Yount spent several days recently at her former home near Roanoke.

George Early went home to attend his brother's wedding October 30, and did the fraternal kindness of serving as best man.

Prof. J. H. Cline has accepted a call from the Mt. Zion church in Page county to visit them once a month. He preaches for them each fourth Sunday.

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Harold Myers returned from Johns Hopkins University Hospital the latter part of September, where he had been nursed through a severe spell of typhoid. He has now recovered and is able to be in school again. He is a candidate for the B. A. degree next June.

Vance Price, captain of the baseball team, was also somewhat late in getting back, owing to the scarcity of farm hands in his neighborhood. He received the B. E. degree last June and is now a candidate for the B. A. He is accompanied by his sister, Miss Sallie.

E. A. Leatherman (class '02) of Buffalo, N. Y., spent a day or two at the College recently. Ed. used to be captain of the base-ball team, and his oldtime interest in athletics does not seem to have abated. Naturally he is greatly interested in the new gymnasium now going up. His visit was mutually enjoyable.

Geo. W. Flory, the College solicitor, has spent the greater part of October in Indiana, where he held a series of meetings near North Manchester. He will return and do some work here yet this term. At the beginning of the winter term he will enter school. He expects to complete the Seminary course of the Bible Department this session and receive the degree of B. S. L. in June.

Isaac N. Zigler (B. E. '06) was called home Oct. 15 by the sudden and unexpected death of his father, Eld. John P. Zigler, of near Broadway. Isaac had just entered on the Bible Course this year. But owing to this sad bereavement and the care of his father's estate which devolves upon him, he will give up his work for the present. It is hoped that he may be able to take it up again later.

Professor Myers seems to believe that this is going to be a rough winter. At last this is the conclusion the editor came to when he learned a few days ago how he is stocking up the College larder for next spring. Among the supplies just stored there were 2400 cans of apples, 190 gallons of tomatoes, and sweet potatoes, beans, corn and other things in proportion.

J. A. Hoover, of Roanoke, spent a few days at the College recently renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Mr. Hoover was a student here in the early 80's, soon after the work was started at Bridgewater. He now has three sons who are ready to enter the College. As soon as suitable arrangements can be made he will move his family here and place his boys in school. We shall be glad to have Mr. Hoover and his family in our midst.

Prof. J. H. Morris again spent the third Sunday of October at Fairfield, Rockbridge county. This is the mission point that he served during last vacation. His labors among the people were very successful and highly appreciated. He held a two-weeks meeting in August and seventeen were added to the church. When he returned to his work at the College his parishioners extracted a promise from him to visit them once a month during the session. So he serves them each third Sunday.



The Present Session.

This is promising to be the banner session of the College. Last year we had, on the whole, the best session in our history. The enrollment at present, however, is twenty per cent greater than it was last year at this time. Not only is the school larger, but the grade of students we get from year to year is more mature and better advanced. With more and better dormitory facilities the enrollment would be still greatly increased.

Our New Gymnasium.

The much needed and long wished for gymnasium building is about to be realized. Contracts for its erection have been awarded and actual work has begun. The necessary excavating is now being done.

The history of the movement to secure this building is rather interesting. The movement was started by students last session. For a long time the need for such a building has been keenly felt, and of late years since the number of students has so largely increased the need has been very urgent. About six months ago, several of our young men began to figure on the possibility of our Athletic Association getting money for such a building. At first merely a temporary building was proposed, but this was soon dropped, and a larger and better structure was undertaken. Solicitors were asked for and a large number volunteered. The Trustees of the College were apprised of the movement and they were found ready to take hold and push the undertaking to a successful conclusion. Much credit for this building must be given to the students who have so earnestly worked to secure it.

The building will be of brick, 82 feet long and 42 feet wide. The basement is to be nine feet in the clear. Here will be the baths, swimming pool, lockers, etc. The main story from floor to eaves will be 18 feet. The roof is to be self-supporting, thus giving a clear floor space 80 feet by 40 feet. A running tract five feet wide, about half way between floor and roof, will run around the interior.

Sufficient money has not been secured to finish the building in every particular. It is hoped and expected that generous friends will donate the amount necessary to finish the building and equip it.

One not familiar with student life can scarcely realize the great benefit this gymnasium will be to the College. It will not only add to the pleasure of college life by affording a means for exercise during the winter, but it will certainly add greatly to the health of the students who shall use it. The importance of health can hardly be overestimated. The laws of some states require all Colleges and boarding schools to have a gymnasium with reasonable equipment, and this law cannot be justly criticised. Those who have given or will give money for this building can feel assured that they are helping on a cause that will add greatly in the work of the College.



Matrimonial

Among the recent marriages touching the College family were the following:

Price—Helbert.—On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Dr. Killian Price, of Hickory, N. C., led to the altar Miss Ressie Helbert of Broadway. Dr. Price is a graduate of the University of Virginia in medicine. Miss Helbert was a student of this College several years ago and has many friends in this community. They will live in North Carolina where Dr. Price will practice his profession.

Early—Leonard.—A week later, Oct. 30, Joseph M. Early and Miss Mary Susan Leonard were

married at Trinity Church, Crimora, Va., at nine o'clock in the morning. Mr. Early attended school here several sessions some years ago, and still has many friends about the College. After leaving school he returned to his home in Augusta county, where he has become a substantial farmer of the New Hope neighborhood.

Wine—Click.—On the same day Noah Wine was married to Miss Mattie Click in the parlors of the latter's home on Mossy Creek. Prof. Yount officiated. The bridal party took the afternoon train for Jamestown. After their return they will reside at Mr. Wine's splendid home a mile east of Bridgewater. Mrs. Wine was a student of the College for several sessions some years ago, and has an extensive acquaintance in and about Bridgewater.

To one and all COLLEGE LIFE extends congratulations.



More Laboratory Facilities.

The College has made very commendable growth in laboratory equipment in the last few years. The growth of the department of physics has made it imperative to seek new laboratory facilities. To meet this growth a room has been fitted up on the second floor of Founder's Hall. Formerly the laboratories of Physics and Chemistry occupied the same room. Considerable money has been spent the present session for equipment. More will be spent later in the session as the work of the classes require. At present the College has good working outfits in all the natural sciences. The departments of Geology and Biology are specially well fitted. Among the recent purchases is a new Bausch and Lomb Projection apparatus. A number of much appreciated gifts of money, with which to equip the laboratories, have been received recently. We hope that other friends of the institution will remember our needs along this line.



The Dining Room.

The crowded condition of the dining room is getting to be a serious matter. We thought as many were crowded into it last spring term as could possibly be, but it has been as full this fall already as it was then. An effort will be made to accommodate still others there as they come in, although the room is already uncomfortably crowded.

The College dining room is a cheerful place. The simple, wholesome, but nutritious and nicely prepared food commends itself to thoughtful people. The service, too, is in every way satisfactory, and the ladies who manage it deserve commendation. The food is carefully prepared, savory and palatable, and is provided in abundance. The dining room is deservedly popular.

Gifts to the Museum.

Rev. and Mrs. I. S. Long, missionaries in India, have sent to the College Museum an interesting collection of clay figures and also a collection of sandals such as are worn in the east. The figures illustrate certain phases of the social and economic life in India. The sandals are of various patterns. The gift makes an important addition to the collections already in the museum. The figures were somewhat broken in transit but with the aid of considerable glue they have been almost restored to their original condition. The donation is much appreciated. It was brought to America by Eld. D. H. Zigler on his return trip around the world.



Another Piano.

The increase in the Music Department this session has necessitated the installation of another piano. This is the second piano that has been added to the equipment within the last twelve months. The Music Department is uncomfortably crowded and hampered for want of room. It needs a building to itself. The equipment, though, is first class. A high grade of pianos is used for practice, and the instruction is thorough and up-to-date. It is doubtful whether equal advantages in music are offered elsewhere in the Shenandoah Valley.

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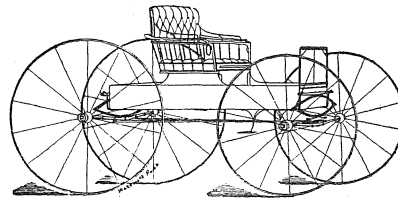
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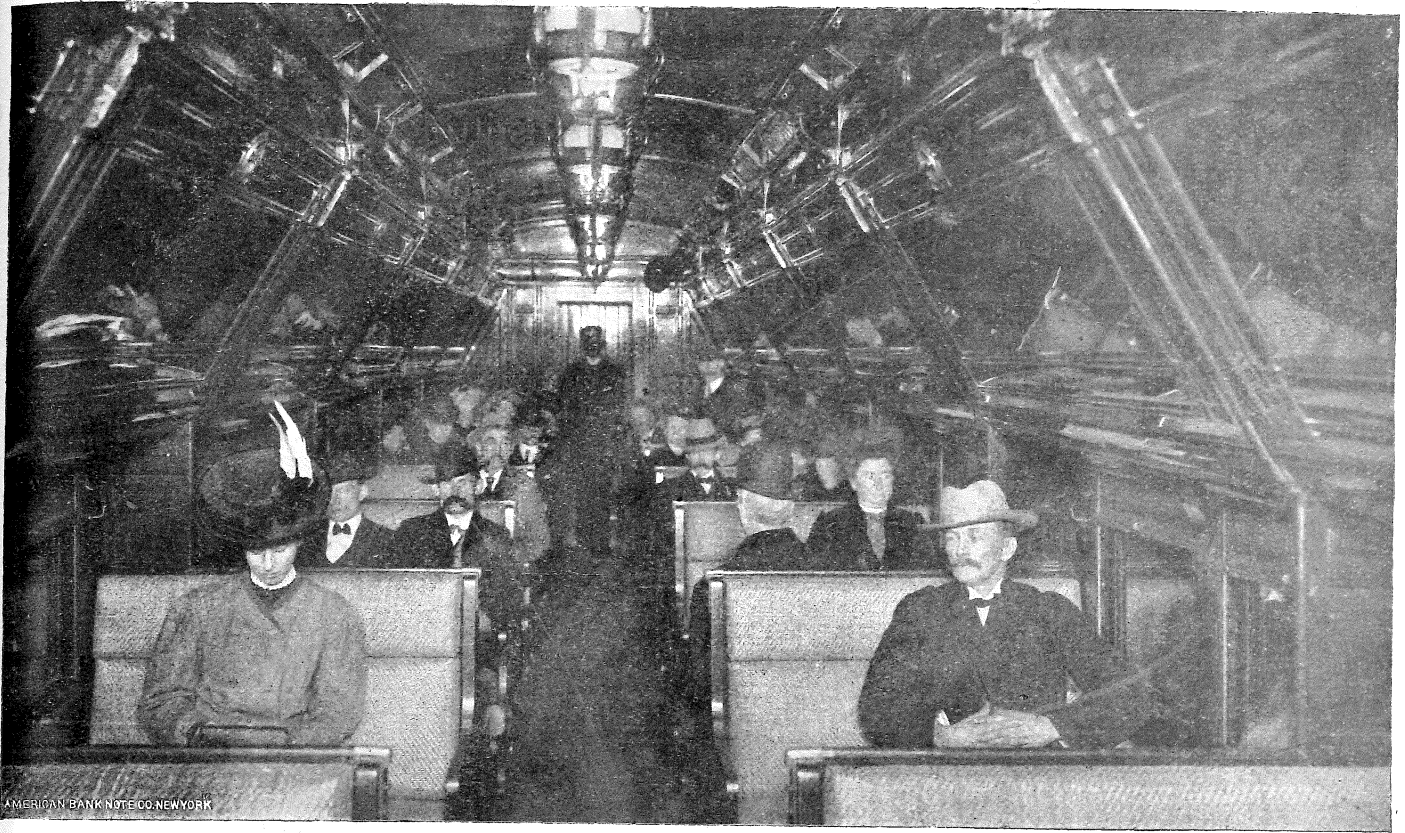
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